

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP)

Staff changes:

CJJP is in the process of filling a vacant Statistical Research Analyst position.

Tammi Blackstone is the new Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) integration coordinator. She started work on September 11th. She replaces Keith Kreiman, who retired on July 31, 2015.

Sarah Johnson has shifted responsibilities that include being the grant coordinator for the division and providing oversight to the AmeriCorps members, while maintaining duties as a researcher.

Potential/pending projects – Discretionary grant proposals (will know by the end of September):

- Juvenile Justice Reentry Implementation
- Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) – Workforce Development is lead entity
- Statistical Analysis Center Research
- GradNation – America's Promise
- Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative – Innovative cost-benefit analysis model

CJJP has been continuing to work on the following projects:

- Iowa Girls Justice Initiative (IGJI) – Partnership with the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Iowa Task Force for Young Women (ITFYW). The project is just starting. The initial steps are to:
 - Hire a facilitator
 - Expand membership of the ITFYW to include additional partners
 - Planning meeting will start in October
- CJJP is continuing to facilitate the implementation of recommendations from the Community and Strategic Planning (CASP) Report. DHR staff have met to strategize with the Departments of Public Safety, Education, and Human Services. In addition, DHR has organized and held meetings in Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Davenport, and Iowa City. The purpose of the meetings is to gain a commitment from local stakeholders to implement the 34 CASP recommendations. Meetings are being planned in: Des Moines, Dubuque, Sioux City, and Waterloo.

In addition, the on-line juvenile detention screening tool for the juvenile courts is being finalized and will be rolled-out to the juvenile courts by the end of 2015.

- The Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI) work is continuing. Phase 1 data collection is complete, which creates a baseline Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) score for the service providers, and the Program Improvement Plan (PIP) has been provided to the service providers. A total of 71 Iowa services have been assessed, in the 1st, 3rd, and 6th Judicial Districts. The service providers have taken those baseline findings and are currently apply them to facilitate

program improvement. The result of fully implementing the JJRRI and SPEP will be ***the right youth will receive the right service at the right time.***

The 3-year demonstration has been extended for an additional year and will end in September, 2016. Sustainability options are being explored.

- The Juvenile Reentry Task Force has had four meetings and is working to finalize a comprehensive statewide juvenile reentry systems reform strategic plan. This plan will guide efforts to reduce the historical baseline recidivism rates for youth returning from confinement in state juvenile correctional facilities. The plan will also guide efforts to reform the system to include: (1) improved assessment policies and practices, (2) a more integrated approach to prerelease services and planning and post-release services and supervision that reflects what research demonstrates improves youth outcomes, and (3) enhanced program/policy monitoring, quality assessments, implementation supports, accountability practices, and youth outcome data collection, analysis, reporting, and decision making.
- CJJP continues to partner with the Department of Public Safety to develop a process to download incident-based Uniform Crime Report data from DPS's mainframe computer to the justice data warehouse, making analysis of the data easier and also increasing the availability of the data. Long term, we are hoping to work with DPS to upgrade the entire UCR system from the existing system, which is more than 20 years old. A federal grant has been submitted to continue this work for another year.

In addition, CJJP is continuing to partner with other state agencies and are conducting evaluations on the following grant projects:

- Department of Public Health received a Partnership for Success grant, which will implement prevention strategies for underage drinking in communities.
- Department of Public Health received a suicide prevention grant.
- Department of Corrections received a grant from Bureau of Justice Assistance to improve treatment and reduce recidivism for female prisoners with co-occurring disorders. CJJP will conduct the evaluation on this 3-year project.
- Office of Drug control Policy received a grant to reduce recidivism of former prison inmates, which will provide services and supports upon reentry. CJJP is conducting the process and outcome evaluations for this 3-year project.
- CJJP continues evaluation activities associated with the family drug court project and is working with the Department of Corrections and local Community-Based Correctional Services to implement the evaluation component of the Enhanced Drug Court grant.

CJIS continues to implement new hardware which is being installed at the Department of Public Safety. Development of CJIS exchanges in local and state justice system agencies continues.